

Fox Valley United Way Board of Directors Meeting Minutes 12 February 2026

1. Meeting called to order by Kelly McDonough at 8:35 AM.

2. Roll Call

- a. Rigo Alfaro Present
- b. Michele Clark Present
- c. Eric Kinsey Present
- d. Mansa Latham Present
- e. Maria Manzo Absent
- f. Diana McClarien Present
- g. Kelly McDonough Present
- h. Mark Mooney Absent
- i. Colin Powers Absent
- j. Marisa Richards Absent
- k. Tamika Smith Present
- l. Karen Yaggie Absent
- m. J.D. Ostergaard Present

3. Minutes Approval: Mansa Latham presented the January minutes for review. Eric Kinsey motioned to approve. Michele Clark seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

4. Executive Director Report:

a. **Financial Review:** i. The financials for January through December 2025 show a net positive income of \$179,132.67. ii. Total income for 2025 was \$971,680 (compared to \$975,550 in 2024), while total expenses decreased significantly to \$792,547.40 (down from \$1,088,962 in 2024). iii. The decrease in expenses is attributed to no allocations being made in 2025 and lower payroll expenses due to role vacancies and restructuring.

b. **Event Recaps & Planning:** i. **Dolly Parton Birthday Dance:** The event raised \$3,989 with 55 tickets sold. Attendees provided positive feedback, particularly regarding the line dancing. Future fundraisers may alternate locations between Kendall and Kane counties. ii. **SPARK:** The Countdown to Kindergarten Fair is scheduled for April 25, 2026. iii. **5K Event:** Scheduled for

May 3, 2026, at Phillips Park in partnership with Rush Copley. The event will combine run/walk formats to increase participation and include a "Mile for Mom" event.

c. **Marketing Update:** i. Efforts will focus on producing video content, case studies for social media, and increasing email marketing. ii. Issues with the Google Ads account persist; J.D. will coordinate with Eric Kinsey to create a new account if necessary.

d. **Allocations 2026:** i. Due to the improved financial position, allocations are being reconsidered for the 2026 cycle. ii. Focus areas will include housing, food, and utilities insecurities. The application window is planned for April–May, with decisions to be made in June.

5. Discussion / New Business

a. **Repo Accounts Review:** i. Accounts at Old Second Bank are under review to secure better interest rates (potentially increasing from the current 0.1% to 3%). ii. Signers on the accounts need to be updated to reflect the current board members. J.D. will coordinate with Mark and Kelly to finalize this.

b. **Volunteers:** Board members are encouraged to find volunteers to sit on the allocations review committees.

6. Next Meeting Date: 12 March 2026

7. Meeting was adjourned at 9:34 AM. Mansa Latham called for a motion to adjourn. Michele Clark so moved. Eric Kinsey seconded. Motion passed.